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Minutes

Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting March 29, 2011

Mid-County Regional Center - 2424 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902

Members Present Teresa Bell, Robin Brannan, L. Blaine Charak, Karla Fortunato, Ritija Gupta

Gregory Intoccia, Kieran McHargue, Steve Morrison, Richard Newman, , Gam

Wijetunge, Ariel Winter

Members Absent Eileen Cahill, Marlyn Fergusson, Stefan Lawson, Mary Scholl

Staff Present Natalie Cantor, Sue Koronowski, Sidney Cooper, Peter McGinnity, Wheaton

Redevelopment

Guests Taylor Kate Brown, Wheaton Patch.

<u>Call to Order</u> Vice Chair Gam Wijetunge, called the meeting to order at 7:00 and presided until

Chair, L. Blaine Charak, arrived.

Old Business Discussion on the water feature of Kemp Mills Park.

<u>Director's Report</u> In addition to the submitted report, Director Cantor distributed a letter from Olney

Chamber of Commerce voicing their concern on the proposed closing of the Olney police substation. Ms. Cantor also reported on the success of the first Olney outreach

effort on March 17 at Starbucks on Georgia Ave.

Committees: Budget: A lengthy discussion of the draft testimony on FY12 budget took place and

included six recommendations as follows: the parity the cost of benefits among all Montgomery County employees, a reduction of employee salaries of 3%, the creation of the Office of Community Engagement without the reducing the staff of Regional Service Centers, the reorganization of county functions proposed by the Organizational Reform Commission (attached), maintenance of the Olney police

satellite station and support of the \$.5 bag tax.

Final testimony is attached. **Quality of Life**:postponed

Land Use & Zoning/Transportation: postponed

Liaison Reports: Postponed

New Business: Postponed

Announcements: none

Meeting Adjourned 9:16 P.M.

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